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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I oppose the USTelecom petition.

This petition will dismantle critical components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, disabling competition and eradicating consumer choice. As a consumer I want to have competition in this market. I want to continue to have better service options.

Approving the USTelecom petition would be a huge step backwards for competition and for consumers.

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